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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Look up a healthcare provider license" in the "How Do I?" section of the Department of Health website (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In January 2013 the Massage Program released **Kayla Marie Dean** (MA60106193) from terms and conditions set against her credential.

In January 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program released chemical dependency professional trainee **Noel Adam Vest** (CO60140122) from terms and conditions set against his credential.

Clark County

In January 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Justin A. Alzaidi** (NA60216569) with unprofessional conduct. Alzaidi allegedly didn't supervise residents of his adult family home taking their medications. A resident took the wrong medication which caused a severe medical reaction requiring emergency hospitalization. He also allegedly threatened a resident who asked about the medication mix-up.

In January 2013 the Surgical Technologist Program charged **Jeremy A. Kennedy** (ST60001647) with unprofessional conduct. Kennedy allegedly didn't comply with a required substance abuse monitoring program.

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King County

In January 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Christopher Cavalieri** (NA60075746, NC60138587) with unprofessional conduct. Cavalieri allegedly borrowed money from three residents and also used controlled substances and/or legend drugs without a prescription.

In January 2013 the Board of Hearing and Speech charged hearing instrument fitter and dispenser **Cheryl A. Conway** (HA00000779) with unprofessional conduct. Conway allegedly falsified numerous patient records and the hours she worked. She allegedly also kept incomplete patient records and didn't remit thousands of dollars to her employer.

In December 2012 the Nursing Commission entered into an agreed order with registered nurse **Estera Gradinaru** (RN00174148). Gradinaru didn't comply with a required substance abuse monitoring program.

In November 2012 **Marlon Rodolfo Guadamuz** (D160055294) didn't appear for a hearing he requested to contest the denial of his dental assistant application, and his request was dismissed. In May 2012 the Dental Commission denied the dental assistant application of Guadamuz due to numerous felony and misdemeanor convictions from 1992 to 2012.

In January 2013 the Medical Commission charged physician **Robert K. Killian** (MD00033951) with unprofessional conduct. Killian allegedly misused his prescriptive authority to order large quantities of controlled substances for his own use on several occasions. He also allegedly displayed a pattern of disruptive behavior with office staff and patients that affected patient care.

In January 2013 the Massage Program reinstated the credential of massage practitioner **Bruce A. Klein** (MA00006772).

In December 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Robyn Sueji Kwon** (NC60310840) for a certified nursing assistant credential. Kwon entered into a deferred prosecution agreement for a theft charge in 2012.

In December 2012 the Veterinary Board of Governors released veterinary technician **Melissa Kathleen Olesh** (AT60142824) from terms and conditions set against her credential.

In December 2012 the Occupational Therapy Practice Board charged occupational therapist **Pamela L. Stockman** (OT00002916) with unprofessional conduct. Stockman allegedly didn't comply with an agreement to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program.

Kitsap County

In December 2012 the Nursing Commission released registered nurse **Steven E. Lickar** (RN00083021) from terms and conditions set against his credential.

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Pierce County

In November 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program ended the probation order against certified nursing assistant **Zoe Jordan Dionas** (NC60242391).

In December 2012 the Nursing Commission entered an agreed order with registered nurse **Laura Caldwell Karlin** (RN00149864). Karlin practiced without a valid nursing credential for about nine months. She was fined and required to take a continuing education course.

In January 2013 the Sex Offender Treatment Provider Program charged **Lang Taylor** (FC0000022), a sex offender treatment provider, with unprofessional conduct. Taylor allegedly was paid by a client to conduct a psychosexual evaluation and didn't provide a copy of the report to the client or his community corrections officer. Taylor allegedly also didn't respond to the department regarding the status of the evaluation.

In December 2012 the Nursing Commission entered an agreed order with licensed practical nurse **Moises J. Villanueva** (LP00048571) and placed his license on probation for 12 months. He became improperly involved in a patient's financial affairs.

Snohomish County

In December 2012 the Pharmacy Board granted the pharmacy technician credential of **Nichole Lynn Bascue** (VA60296059) and placed conditions against it. Bascue must complete continuing education and submit recommendations to the board about patient counseling on new prescriptions.

In December 2012 the Nursing Commission entered an agreed order with registered nurse **Clare Elizabeth Blodgett** (RN00158328). Blodgett must comply with a substance abuse monitoring program.

Spokane County

In January 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Miranda Ruth Crigger** (NA60104836, NC60128270) with unprofessional conduct. Crigger was convicted of third-degree possession of stolen property in 2012 and allegedly didn't report it to the program as required.

In December 2012 the Nursing Commission entered an agreed order with licensed practical nurse **Gail Lynn Hunt** (LP00038766). Hunt didn't provide care for a patient who had fallen out of bed, was bleeding, and needed nursing care. She went on a lunch break and another nurse had to be called in to provide care. Hunt was fined, must take required continuing education courses and must have her employer submit quarterly evaluation reports.

In December 2012 the Pharmacy Board charged pharmacist intern **Jeremiah J. Peterson** (IR00064090) with unprofessional conduct. Peterson allegedly has been decertified as a pharmacy program student, is no longer making timely progress towards graduation, and hasn't verified with the board that he is currently enrolled in a pharmacy program.

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Thurston County

In January 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Rebecca J. Elam** (NC10102470) with unprofessional conduct. Elam allegedly didn't comply with her substance abuse monitoring contract.

In December 2012 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Tao Wang** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Wang provided a full-body massage to a client without a health care license.

Yakima County

In December 2012 the Nursing Commission released registered nurse **Debra J. Good** (RN00158527) from terms and conditions set against her credential.

Out of State

Phoenix: In December 2012 the Chiropractic Commission ended the probation order against chiropractor **Matthew J. Reilly** (CH00034693).

Virginia: In November 2012 the Nursing Commission denied the registered nurse application of **Rebecca Ameyaa Effah** (RN60293428). Effah hasn't met the education requirements for the credential.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

The <u>Department of Health website</u> (www.doh.wa.gov) is your source for *a healthy dose of information*. Also, <u>find us on Facebook</u> and <u>follow us on Twitter</u>.

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